

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Naoki YAMAMORI, et al.

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Examiner: Not yet designated

**Filed: July 6, 2001**

For: BIOJELLY-PRODUCING MICROORGANISM, MICROORGANISM-CONTAINING COATING, MICROORGANISM-CONTAINING COATING FILM, AND METHOD OF PREVENTING ATTACHMENT OF LIFE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

7. A method of preventing attachment of macroscopic aquatic life to an underwater structure  
which comprises coating the surface of said underwater structure with the coating according to Claim 3.

8. A method of preventing attachment of macroscopic aquatic life to an underwater structure

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which comprises forming the coating film according to Claim 5 on the surface of said under water structure.

**Please add the following new claims:**

9. A method of preventing attachment of macroscopic aquatic life to an underwater structure

which comprises coating the surface of said underwater structure with the coating according to Claim 4.

10. A method of preventing attachment of macroscopic aquatic life to an underwater structure

which comprises forming the coating film according to Claim 6 on the surface of said under water structure.

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REMARKS

Claims 7 and 8 have been amended and claims 9 and 10 have been added to place the claims in desired appropriate form for examination. Thus all of the claims are now in appropriate form, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with the examination.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may facilitate the further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

7. A method of preventing attachment of macroscopic aquatic life to an underwater structure

which comprises coating the surface of said underwater structure with the coating according to Claim 3 or 4.

8. A method of preventing attachment of macroscopic aquatic life to an underwater structure

which comprises forming the coating film according to Claim 5 or 6 on the surface of said under water structure.

**Please add the following new claims:**

9. A method of preventing attachment of macroscopic aquatic life to an underwater structure

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which comprises coating the surface of said underwater structure with the coating  
according to Claim 4.

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which comprises forming the coating film according to Claim 6 on the surface of said  
under water structure.